

## Interview Summary

Application No.

10/537,274

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Gerrity (ex.).

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 23 May 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: proposed examiner's amdt. attached hereto.

Claim(s) discussed: 2-11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Swaites and JP 5-32225.

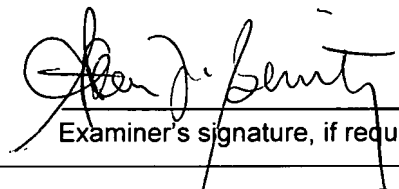
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: the examiner proposed an examiner's amendment (which is attached hereto). App. rep. was unable to get a response from the app. regarding authorization or non-authorization for the proposed ex. amdt. Accordingly, the ex. will act on the claims as presented in the amendment filed 3 March 2007.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
Examiner's signature, if required

## PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application WOULD BE amended as follows:

**In the claims:**

The following listing of claims WOULD replace any and all previous listing of claims.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) A device for banding stacks of bank notes

comprising:

a body;

a container for packing material having a box-like structure;

a means for feeding said packing material; ~~and,~~

an element for arranging said stack of bank notes;

wherein said element for arranging the stack of bank notes comprises a tubular casing which converges from an inlet to an outlet, and wherein said tubular casing includes a side cut-out along the full length of the tubular casing;

wherein said means for feeding said packing material comprises a pivotally mounted arm provided with a pick-up unit including a roller with an exterior surface and an adhesive layer on the exterior surface for gripping the packing material, and a mechanism for pivotally displacing the arm;

wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes is configured to deform said stack of bank notes along a longitudinal axis of the stack of bank notes; and

wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes includes a position sensor for determining the position of said stack within said tubular casing and actuating the mechanism for pivotally displacing the arm.

4. (Previously presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said packing material is band rings stacked in a flattened condition.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes is coupled to said ~~displacement mechanism~~ for pivotally displacing the arm and said pick-up unit.

9. (Previously presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 3, wherein said element for arranging said stack of bank notes and said container for packing material are mounted to said body in such a way that said a deformed stack of bank notes is introduced ~~in a ring~~ into packing material taken from said container.

10. (Previously presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2 3, wherein said stack of bank notes is deformed ~~with the motion of~~ while moving said stack of bank notes through said tubular casing.

11. (Previously presented) The device for banding stacks of bank notes of Claim 2, wherein said stack of bank notes is removed through said side cut-out.

**Explanation for Examiner's Amendment**

The claims would be amended to define over the prior art. A further search of the subject matter claimed in the amendment filed 3/3/07 reveals that the claims as presented could easily be rejected under 35 USC 102 or 103. It is suggested that the claims be amended to avoid a final rejection. The following is a list of the art previously cited and new art.

US 6070398 A	US 4149357 A	US 4118916 A
US 4055934 A	US 3448557 A	US 3186333 A
US 2706073 A	US 1730126 A	US 1415075 A
US 0361548 A	US 0354738 A	US 0340243 A
JP 05032225 A	EP 238450 A1	